

# **Our Journey Forward Nagpur**



*It is a joy and pleasure to present our  
Activity Report  
for the year 2015-2016*



# Pastoral Work

We visit our catholic families regularly and share with them the joy, love and peace of Jesus

Christ through our presence. We encourage them to attend SCC (Small Christian Circle) prayers and to deepen their faith in the

Word of God. Since our parish is quite a distance away, the surrounding people come and take part in the Eucharistic Celebrations on every Wednesday in our house and a few

join us on Tuesdays and Fridays. On the requests of the people, we have a Novena to Mary our Mother and the Holy Eucharistic celebrations in the month of September to express their love and devotion to Mary our Mother. On 8<sup>th</sup> we have a grand Eucharistic celebration and celebrate also the Girl Child Day to create awareness to the parents to treat their children equally and to treat the girl child as important as the other children in the family. We also organise the Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass on every Wednesdays and Fridays during the Lenten season. One day is kept for them to go for Sacrament of Reconciliation.





# Prison Ministry

Being the second capital of the state of Maharashtra, Nagpur houses a Central Jail with an accommodation of about 2000 inmates. Hardcore criminals are assigned to this jail for incarceration. Our ministry is initiated to extend to the inmates of this prison, to both



women and men by visiting the prison once a month. We are planning to offer skill training, value education, counselling, motivational talks and health programmes.

We conducted a dental checkup

for the Women prisoners on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Dr. Nithin gave a short talk on health and Hygiene.

Fr. Vishal gave a short speech on personal sanctification. It can be achieved through prayer, meditation and yoga. During the dental camp, we,

sisters and volunteers, were able to speak to the prisoners and they shared their struggles. It was a wonderful opportunity to be with the prisoners to share the love and mercy of God.





# Empowerment of Women

## Domestic Workers

We reach out to the women in Nagpur who are very far away, at a distance of 5 to 30 kms away from our centre. They are not recognised as organised workers and so they are exploited and are paid very low salaries. We conduct sessions for them on Leadership, Personality Development, Savings, Health and other topics. Through continuous representations to the Government we have succeeded in getting them recognized as unorganised workers through rally and Dharna.

We have registered about 1500 women with the Government and are helping many more to understand the need for registering themselves in order to get the benefits due to them from the Government. They are also able to voice the injustice done to them by their employers and can solve their own problems as a group. They

have become aware of the need of educating their children and some have even sent them for higher education. Their children are poly- technicians, teachers, health workers, computer educated and doing well for themselves, which has given them dignity.





# Coaching Classes for Children



The children, who are poor and deserving, come to our house to study. We give them special coaching to improve their studies. Once in a way we impart value education, on personal cleanliness and to respect everyone. At the

end of the class we give them some snacks. They are happy to come to us and share their joy with one another.

## Involvement of Lay partners

We had an orientation for our lay partners on the life of Count Augustine De Neuville and Countess D' Andigne who were the real source of inspiration to become lay partners. We also shared about our activities and what we are doing in Nagpur and how they can contribute towards our ministries here. They showed their interest and expressed that they could support us in our ministries. There were 15 lay partners and 8 Sisters present on the meeting day. The Lay Partners who went for the meeting to Garratola, shared their experiences with the others. They involve actively in Prison Ministry and take coaching classes for the children and help out during the Novena of Velankanni and during the Lenten season happily.





# Neuvillite's Day

It was our joy and pleasure to celebrate Neuvillite's day with our Mission Partner, On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 we had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration. The Celebrant gave an inspiring message about commitment and selfless service in all our undertakings. After the sermon the Mission Partners took an oath that they commit themselves willingly to take part in all our activities and serve the poor and least ones. We expressed our happiness and gratitude to all of them for joining us to become our Mission Partners.

## Visit of Srs. Josita and Frances, our CLT to Nagpur

